

# The Shepherd and You

John 10:7-18

# Intro:

- The first part of this allegory
  - Jesus our shepherd, at the gate
  - This refers to the response we need to have
  - Also warned of the thieves and robbers
  - All for our protection and blessing
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> part is a distinct change...
  - Not so much external, but internal
  - What is it like to be “in Christ”
  - It again starts with the picture of a doorway

# I. I am THE DOOR (7-10)

- Doorways were important to Jews
  - The blood on the door, life and freedom
  - Doorposts held the Mezuzah (Dt 6:1-9)
  - Slaves for life were “pierced” here (Ex 21:5,6)
- Jesus becomes all this as we go thru Him
  - He is our Passover Lamb, the way to the LAND
  - He is our living Law in our hearts
  - We are pierced in our hearts to serve forever
  - “enter thru Me” – saved, go in and out
- He gives LIFE! *perissos* – beyond measure

## II. The Others (8-13)

- Vs. 10 – Thieves – steal, kill, destroy
  - Steal – *klepto*, to take away by stealth
  - Kill – *thuo*, sacrifice, slaughter
  - Destroy – *apollumi*, ruin, make useless, abolish
- Vs 12,13 – Hireling, not a slave, just wages...
  - leaves the sheep and flees
  - unconcerned about the sheep
- Vs 12 – Wolves – snatch and scatter
  - *harpazo*, seize, snatch, carry off (28; 1Th 4:17)
  - *skorpizo*, routes, terror stricken, dispersed

# From Phillip Keller:

- “A band of sheep under attack...Often in blind fear or stupid unawareness will stand rooted to the spot watching their companions being cut to shreds...the other sheep may act as if the did not hear or recognize the carnage going on around them...

we are **warned not to hear false teachers** (2Ti 3; 2Pt 2) ...we are told to **flee** from them. We do not respond to **those who treacherously try to tickle our ears while cutting our throats.**”

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### III. The GOOD Shepherd (11, 14-18)

- Good in character and service (*kalos*)
  - I AM – Deity alone can do this, and He is!
  - Lays down His LIFE – then and now! (11,15)
  - I know my own/they know me – open
  - Known by the Father and known
  - Other folds – one voice, flock, shepherd
  - Father's love
  - Because I lay it down (not taken)
  - Authority to take it up again (with us!)

